

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

Elected Officials

Chairman: Kevin Day



Executive Director: Jon Otterson

Environmental Director: Vacant

Land Base: 356 acres

Population and Poverty (2010 Census): 350 members, 42% below the poverty line

Educational Attainment (of persons over 25): High School Graduates: 50%, College or higher 74.2%

EPA Funding (2015-2016)

GAP	\$ 104,300
CWA 106	\$ 60,000
TOTAL	\$ 164,300

GAP Activities

Environmental staff have revised an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan identifies several goals that will improve the control, storage, collection, and transportation of waste materials, expansion of community outreach initiatives, and compliance enforcement. Tribal Solid Waste employees will implement this program with the Environmental Program, playing an active supporting role in implementing the goals of this plan in FY16.

Training opportunities will continue to be sought for all levels of Environmental Program staff. Through these trainings, it is expected that staff will develop new skills to identify, address and manage Environmental Issues on the Rancheria. Besides attending Regional Tribal Operation Committee (RTOC) Conferences, staff will seek out additional opportunities to network and increase knowledge in areas of air and water pollution and solid waste related issues.

Contact: Mariela Lopez, (415) 972-3771.



Water:

The Region 9 Drinking Water Office regulates one Public Drinking Water System on Tuolumne Band trust land which serves Black Oak Casino. This water system is in full compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and received an inspection in late 2012.

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Solid Waste: The tribe has no reported open dumps. They adopted an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan in 2001 and updated it in 2011.

Contact: Jenny Stephenson, 415-972-3429

Clean Water Act (CWA), 106

The Tuolumne Tribe was awarded \$60,000 of CWA, Section 106 funding in FY16 for the purposes of assessing the health of the water bodies located within land held in Trust by the Tribe. The Environmental Department plans to build an overall baseline of data to determine the sources and impacts of nonpoint and point source pollutants on the waters of the Tribe. The Tribe has already identified failing septic systems as a nonpoint source concern and have acquired Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Funds in the amount of \$85,000 to provide a wastewater feasibility study of the Tribe's wastewater infrastructure and needs. A subsequent amendment to the project has allowed the Tribe to replace two failing septic tank and drain field systems with two tanks and a community leach field. Two homes will be served as a result of the Clean Water Indian Set-Aside amendment.

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